

Bonnyville Golf and Country Club

Turf Care Department Monthly

Report

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5 Tee Complex, September 13

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Overview

Fall is typically the busiest time of the season for the Turf Care Department. Mowing has slowed down but we still have to cut and maintain with a limited staff. Also winter prepping is very time consuming. All fairways, tees, and greens have their own requirements. Also irrigation blow-out and repairing lines that we weren't able to while the system was operational. Fall weather can change over night which in turn has a HUGE influence on what is done next regarding special bonus projects. Without proper winterization the odds of us coming through the winter in the shape we have been accustomed to will decrease. I started planning winter prep early-mid July.

Turf Care

Fall deep tine aeration has been booked starting Oct8 evening and will be finished the 9th of Oct. Once the aeration is done final fall application of fungicide will be applied and then top dressed.

Fairway and tee fungicide application will commence early Oct.



Untreated area with snow mould

Irrigation

The 2018 irrigation season has ended. We shut pumps down Sept. 24th for blow out on the 26 and 27. Total water used this season is 12,568,000 US Gallons (typically we are 19,000,000). Monthly water reports have been submitted online.

Greens Rehabilitation

2018 golf season has been one of the worse seasons in Alberta and Saskatchewan for winter damage. The majority of Golf Courses had lost multiple greens and even excessive damage on fairways. Suppliers have reported record sales in seed and sod. Even seed shortages have been reported for certain varieties of Bentgrass.



Green 1 April 23



Green 1 Aug 2



Green 11 May 15



Green 11 Aug 2

The Turf Care Department staff for put endless hours in seeding by hand, aeration, top dressing, brushing, hand watering, tank watering and doing what ever it took to get the greens back online and doing all this while greens remained in play. The above pictures show exactly what the Turf Care Department was dealt with and how well we had recovered.

Greens rehabilitation was a PRIORITY this season. Even with the greens needing countless man hours we still managed to produce the great golf course we have been accustomed to playing on and have been enjoying for years.

Extras

Extensive tree pruning

Sodding of worn areas

Audubon Birdhouses

Extensive under growth trimming/maintaining

Stump grinding

Bunker maintenance-edging, etc

Construction of 8,500 sq.foot bentgrass sod nursery

